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SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT NO. 16 SITUATION IN CYPRUS AS
OF 1600 EDT, AUGUST 21.

1. STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS: BRITAIN HAS CONTINUED ITS
EFFORTS TO GET THE INTERESTED PARTIES BACK TO THE
NEGOTIATING TABLE. FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN HAS SENT
INVITATIONS TO PRIME MINISTERS KARAMANLIS AND ECEVIT, AS
WELL AS CLERIDES AND DENKTASH, TO MEET IN GENEVA ON AUGUST
26. AS OF 1:00 P.M. EDT ONLY TURKISH PRIME MINISTER
ECEVIT HAD ACCEPTED THE INVITATION. ECEVIT INDICATED

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THAT THE TURKS EXPECT THE FINAL SOLUTION WILL RESULT IN

ROUGHLY ONE-THIRD OF THE ISLAND BECOMING A TURKISH CYPRIOT REGION. ALTHOUGH THEY ANTICIPATE NO FORMAL REQUIREMENT FOR A TOTAL SEPARATION OF THE NATIONALITIES, THE TURKS EXPECT THAT THE LARGE MAJORITY OF TURKISH CYPRIOTS WOULD FINALLY SETTLE IN THIS TURKISH REGION AND THAT MOST GREEKS WOULD END UP IN THE REMAINING TWO-THIRDS OF THE ISLAND'S TERRITORY.

2. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE EARLIER TODAY, ECEVIT SAID THAT TURKEY IS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE "REASONABLE" CHANGES IN THE DEMARCATION LINE AND THAT HE IS INCREASINGLY OPTIMISTIC THAT THE PEACE TALKS CAN BE RESUMED. THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO AFFIRMED THAT THE NEED FOR SEPARATE REGIONS

WAS DICTATED BY ETHNIC, CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES.

3. UPON RECEIVING CALLAGHAN'S INVITATION, PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS TOLD THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR THAT HE WAS SKEPTICAL ABOUT THE UTILITY OF RETURNING TO THE GENEVA TALKS. THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN ATHENS DOUBTED THAT GREECE WILL RETURN TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE WITHOUT AT LEAST A TOKEN WITHDRAWAL OF TURKISH FORCES FROM THEIR CURRENT POSITIONS.

4. AT NATO THE UK PERMREP BRIEFED THE CYPRUS GROUP ON CALLAGHAN'S INITIATIVE, SAYING THAT HMG HAD NO IDEA WHETHER GREECE WOULD RELENT IN ITS INSISTENCE ON TURKISH WITHDRAWAL TO THE AUGUST 9 CEASEFIRE LINES BEFORE AGREEING TO NEGOTIATE.

5. MILITARY SITUATION: UN REPORTS INDICATE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS. LIFE IN NICOSIA IS ALMOST BACK TO NORMAL WITH LARGE PORTIONS OF THE POPULATION BACK IN PLACE, MOST SHOPS OPEN AND THE TRAFFIC NEAR NORMAL.

6. NEWS REPORTS INDICATE THAT SWEDISH U.N. TROOPS IN FAMAGUSTA HAVE SO FAR NOT HEEDED TURKISH DEMANDS THAT THEY EVACUATE THE CITY.

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7. CYPRUS: AMBASSADOR BROWN HELD MEETINGS WITH CLERIDES AND DENKTASH TODAY. CLERIDES WAS PREOCCUPIED WITH THE PROBLEM OF REFUGEES, BELIEVING THAT THE HIGHEST PRIORITY IS THE RETURN OF GREEK CYPRIOTS TO THEIR HOMES, EVEN IF THIS MEANS ACCEPTANCE OF TURKISH AUTHORITY. HE ALSO CHARACTERIZED THE GREEK GOVERNMENT'S INSISTENCE ON TURKISH WITHDRAWAL TO THE AUGUST 9 LINES AS BEING UN-

REALISTIC. CLERIDES BELIEVED THE EVENTUAL SOLUTION WILL BE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A BIREGIONAL FORMULA WITH THE TURKS CONTROLLING SOMEWHAT LESS LAND THAN THEY NOW HOLD. HE FELT THIS FORMULA COULD BE MADE ACCEPTABLE IN CYPRUS, PROVIDED GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES.

8. DENKTASH HAS BEGUN TAKING CHARGE OF THE REGION UNDER TURKISH CONTROL, SENDING OUT TEAMS TO COPE WITH VARIOUS LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS. IN HIS MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR BROWN, DENKTASH RULED OUT THE RETURN OF ALL GREEK CYPRIOTS TO THEIR HOMES: ONLY THE ELDERLY, THE LAND-OWNERS AND CERTAIN OTHERS WOULD BE ALLOWED BACK AFTER THE DEMARCATION LINES ARE DRAWN.

9. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, NICOSIA POLICE HAVE RELEASED TWO OF THE THREE SUSPECTS ARRESTED ON AUGUST 20 IN CONNECTION WITH THE KILLING OF AMBASSADOR DAVIES.

10. PRESIDENT FORD NAMED FSO WILLIAM CRAWFORD, PRESENTLY AMBASSADOR TO THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC, AS THE NEW AMBASSADOR TO CYPRUS.

11. GREECE: EMBASSY ATHENS REPORTED THAT ANTI-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES ARE DIMINISHING. THREE SMALL DEMONSTRATIONS OCCURRED OUTSIDE OF ATHENS, BUT GREEK WORKERS CALLED OFF THEIR 24-HOUR STRIKE AT THE U.S.AIR FORCE BASE IN CRETE. KISSINGER

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